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RESPONSE

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Sir:

This is a response in the above-identified patent application to an Office Action dated 03/01/04, with time for response set to expire on 06/01/04; and with the accompanying petition and fee, on 07/01/04. A total of 32 claims remain pending including claims 1-15 and 17 under consideration and claims 16 and 18-32 being withdrawn.

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (currently amended).

A restraint device comprising:

a housing having an opening and a reel rotatably disposed therein;

a tether having a first end attached to the reel and a second end located external of the opening, the tether wound about the reel; and

a dilatant non-Newtonian fluid disposed within the housing and acting on the reel.

Claim 2 (original).

The restraint device as in claim 1 further comprising a first strap attached to the housing, the first strap adapted to be secured about the torso of a person.

Claim 3 (original).

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